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COMMENTS:

Enclosed please find a draft copy of an Amendment for the above-captioned patent application for discussion purposed only on February 27th at 1:30 PM.

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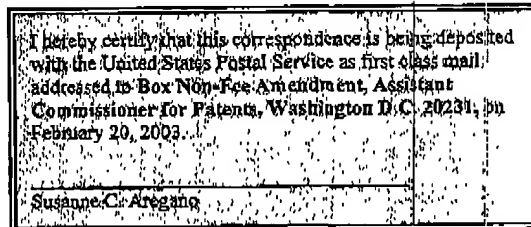
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, Paper No. 15, dated December 23, 2002,
please amend the above-captioned patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 4 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) At least one of a paper and a board consisting of a fibrous medium coated with at least one conventional surface coat intended to be printed by gravure or flexographic printing, and including, between the fibrous medium and the conventional surface coat, and inner coat of a composition based on specific pigments, said inner coat being deposited in an amount from one to five grams per square meter (1 to 5 g/m²), wherein:
 - the composition of the conventional surface coat does not contain silica;
 - and the composition of the inner coat includes at least one specific pigment chosen exclusively from the group consisting of silica and precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC).

4. (Three Times Amended) A process for the manufacture of a paper or a board, intended to be printed by gravure or flexographic printing, which consists of the followings steps: